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The Advertiser will be glad to receive the local news of all the communities in the county. Correspondents are requested to sign their names to the contributions. Letters should not be mailed later than Monday morning.

The Law and Order league of Charleston estimates that over three millions of dollars worth of alcoholic liquors are sold in that city in a single year. What wonders would come about in the old city if just about one third of that amount were invested in legitimate and profitable enterprises yearly? No wonder that the city does not move forward. Three millions of dollars of capital dissipated cannot spell anything else but business stagnation.

The Advertiser is publishing information today on the subject of sand-clay roads. We have given an unusually large amount of space to this article because of the importance of the subject of road-building. We would be glad to see practical use made of the directions here set out. The time has about arrived for this kind of work to begin this year and much of it should be done in the county. Those who are unable to undertake any of this work now, should cut this article out and save it for future reference. It would not be a great deal of trouble and expense for every farmer to put a sand-clay surface on the main road running through his premises. It should be a matter of pride for property owners to have the roads in front of their houses properly graded and surfaced. Certainly it would increase a man's own self-respect while commending the respect and commendation of others. The sand-clay road and the split-log drag is a combination that cannot be beat. The two go together and should be inseparable. Clip the article found elsewhere in this paper and either use it now or save it for future reference.

ADDING TO "SPOILS" SYSTEM.

What appears to be more of an effort to provide choice plums for hungry office seekers than to promote efficiency in the postal service, is the recommendation of the committee on post offices and post roads that the position of assistant postmaster in first and second class post offices be taken out of the civil service and made appointive. This recommendation is made in the shape of an amendment to the post office appropriation bill. Postmaster General Burleson has written Chairman Moon, of the postal committee, asking that the rider be stricken out of the bill. Instead of complying with the wishes of the administration as expressed by the request of Mr. Burleson, Chairman Moon has tacked on another rider to the bill providing for an appropriation of \$25,000,000 for national aid to good roads, counting on the support of the good roads advocates to get the entire bill through. President Wilson intimated that he will veto the bill if it comes to him with the "spoils system" rider attached. It is possible that the advocates of the measure are hopeful of rounding up enough strength, through the pulling power of the good roads rider, to carry the bill over the veto of the president. We fear that if Chairman Moon and his colleagues of the postal committee, were forced to appear before a court of appeal, as they will have to appear before the bar of public opinion, to argue the wisdom or justice of the proposed rider, they would have a mighty weak case on which to base a plea for the change. Politics and partisanship do not now figure in the selection of these offices. The position is not only within the reach of all civil service employees, but has that element of permanency about it and the possibility for promotion that encourages a study and improvement of the service. To return to the old system would not only be a blow to the service itself but it would mean the abrogation of an implied contract with present assistant postmasters who have in good faith gone to the pains

to fit themselves for the position, expecting them to be permanent. The whole affair looks to be but an effort to take care of office-seekers and the sooner the rider is stricken from the bill the easier will it be for the party to clear its skirts in the matter. Already it has gone too far. The wild scramble for appointive offices under the new administration has not been itself a pretty picture and an effort to provide more offices at the expense of better service will certainly put the party in a bad light.

PRIMARY REFORM.

No doubt the most important matter to come up during the present session of the legislature will be the question of the reform of the primary. Equally certain is it that the measure, regardless of what it may contain, will be stoutly fought, not because of any merit or demerit that it may have, but because of the opportunity it will afford for political play. We believe that a majority of the voters of South Carolina desire primary reform of some kind though we do not believe that any considerable number of them will entertain the idea of depriving any portion of the white electorate of their rights in the government. The Advertiser does not believe in throwing around the primary restrictions that would put the government into the hands of the property owning classes nor even of the educated classes, though it believes that the best interests of the state could be better served by those of most intelligence. We can easily see that what a minority of the best informed might think best may not be just, as not representing the wishes of the greater number.

To gain the ends desired, that is, guarantee to every man the full value of his vote, the primary organization needs only to be systematized. Lack of system in the past is what has caused most trouble. The principal change to make the organization effective for what is desired is to close the club books at least thirty days before the election, so that rolls may be completed and compared to prevent padding. We do not see how any fairminded man could object to such an improvement in the conduct of the elections. Of course this would work a hardship on a relatively small number of voters who move from place to place in seeking work. But the entire primary system should not be made loose and ineffective in order to make relatively unreasonable provisions for but a very few people.

WARRIOR CREEK.

Warrior Creek, Jan. 19.—We are sorry to report so many on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Burns, Mrs. Calvin Knight, Mrs. Mary Brownlee and Mrs. Brown but they are very much improved.

Miss Annie Putnam of Owings Station, spent the week-end with Miss Lillian Brownlee.

Mr. and Mrs. Cobb and Miss Fay Hughes of Laurens, were the guests of Miss Pauline Owens Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Brownlee spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. J. R. Brownlee and family near Dials.

Miss Caroline Fowler spent the week-end with homefolks here.

Miss Ruth Martin is visiting relatives in Laurens.

Mr. K. B. Brownlee was a business visitor to Laurens Saturday.

Mrs. T. A. Drummond spent Thursday with her mother, Mrs. M. W. Fowler.

Mrs. O. F. Fowler of Lanford dined with Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Brownlee, Thursday.

Mr. Robert Entekin and sister, Miss Edna, spent the week-end in Laurens, the guest of their aunt, Mrs. Ellen Burns on North Harper street.

Mrs. Max Burns and children were the guests of her mother, Sunday.

Miss Mary Poole of Laurens, spent the week-end with her father, Mr. U. B. Poole.

Miss Irene Clayton has taken up her school again here, after a three weeks' vacation, spent at her home in North Carolina.

How Could He Know?

"King Lear is a great character," remarked the friend. "Yes," answered the actor; "I suppose you remember my performance last season?" "No, I must confess I have never seen you in the part." "Indeed!" was the rejoinder in a tone of gentle surprise. "Then, how on earth did you know it was a great character?"

The Begging Business.

A woman who has just published a book on India (after a long residence there) says she has no pity for beggars, as they are nearly all well off, and "no native ever refuses a beggar, and a physical disability is a source of income, for begging is a profession not looked down upon in India."

DEATH OF DR. WOFFORD.

Former Citizen of Clinton and Relative of Many People of this County.

Dr. H. C. Wofford, who for many years was a well known dentist of Clinton, died of Bright's disease at his home in Woodruff early Thursday morning, Jan. 8th. Dr. Wofford had been in bad health for the last month and desperately ill for the last few days and his death was not unexpected. The greater part of his life was spent at Clinton. He was a member of the Baptist church, was one of the charter members of the First Baptist church of Clinton, when the church was organized, there being only twelve members. He and his wife were two of them. Dr. Wofford was twice married, his first wife was Miss Dora Briggs, of Clinton, who preceded him to the grave 20 years ago. His second wife was Miss Ada Plowden, of Greenwood, who survives him. He had four children by his first wife, J. Rob. Wofford, of Savannah, who holds a responsible position with the Southern Express Co.; Henry Ell Wofford of Inman, Mrs. James Keith of Columbia and Lou Ellen who died 5 years ago and five children by the last marriage. Dr. Wofford was the oldest child of a large family and is survived by four brothers, C. O. and P. H. Wofford of Los Angeles; Will A. Wofford, of Switzer, and J. A. Wofford of Madden and three sisters, Mrs. Sue Cooper of Greens, Mrs. Mamie Edwards of Woodruff and Mrs. Mattie Kellett, of Simpsonville. The funeral exercises were conducted by a life-long friend, Rev. Mr. Ezell and the interment was in the Baptist cemetery at Woodruff.

Chronic Constipation Cured.

"Five years ago I had the worst case of chronic constipation I ever knew of, and Chamberlain's Tablets cured me," writes S. F. Fish, Brooklyn, Mich. For sale by all dealers.

Center Point News.

Center Point, Jan. 19.—Mr. John Golden visited his daughter, Mrs. Judge Elmore yesterday.

Dr. John Moore, of Texas, is visiting his brother, Mr. M. L. C. Moore. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stribbling spent Sunday with Mr. Willie Moore and family.

Miss Maude Moore visited her niece, Miss Eva Moore yesterday.

Mr. G. H. Moore and family and Miss Winona Chaney spent Saturday night with Mr. Moore's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Love Moore.

Mr. Jones Miller has purchased another fine young mule.

Several of the young people of this community attended the dance at the home of Mr. B. Jones last Thursday night.

Mr. Mack Boyd visited his brother, Mr. Bud Boyd last week.

Rev. Brock, Mr. Wade Pinson and sister, visited at the home of Mr. B. Boyd yesterday.

Land Sale Monday.

The sale of lots at "Hillcrest," held Monday morning, attracted quite a large number of people. Although the lots sold brought fairly remunerative prices, the owners of the property did not feel that the prices ranged as high as the value of the land justified, so all of the tract was not sold. The prizes of silverware and gold were awarded by the auctioneers as advertised, as was also the residence lot. Mr. W. C. Bolt, of the Trinity Ridge section, secured the lot.

AVOID CATARRH

Breath Hymel—It Medicates the Air You Breathe and Instantly Relieves.

Why continue to suffer from catarrh, stopped up head, husky voice and other troubles of the breathing organs when the Laurens Drug Co. will sell you Hymel with a guarantee to refund the purchase price if it is not satisfactory.

Hymel is a pleasant, harmless and antiseptic medication which you breathe a few times daily through a small inhaler. It effectively and promptly relieves all catarrhal discharges, sniffles, foul breath, watery eyes and the formation of crusts in the nose, or money back.

A complete Hymel outfit, consisting of inhaler and a bottle of Hymel, costs \$1.00, and extra bottles, if afterwards needed, are only 50 cents.

Always use Hymel for bronchitis, cold in the head, husky voice, croup of infants and any inflammatory disease of the breathing organs.

LADIES

Wanted to act as local county representatives for an established firm handling a high grade line of household remedies. Can devote all or part of time. A good chance to establish a lucrative business.

For full particulars write at once to Josephine Webster Remedy Co., South Bend, Ind.

DR. CLIFTON JONES

Dentist

Office in Simmons Building

Phone: Office No. 86; Residence 219.

DR. WASHINGTON LEAVES.

Will be Located in Columbia With Union Drug Co.

Dr. W. H. Washington left last Sunday for Columbia, where he has accepted a position with the Union Drug Company. The store of this company is located very near the Union Station, and is considered one of the largest retail stores in the city. He will have charge of the prescription work during the day. Dr. Washington has been in the drug business in Laurens for many years and is considered a most capable druggist and prescriber. He has always been very popular in Laurens and his departure is regretted by hundreds of friends.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Bargains in Used Cars—1 two-cylinder Model A Maxwell runabout in good condition, \$150.00; 1 four-passenger Ford, \$275.00; 1 five-passenger Ford, \$250.00; 1 five-passenger Ford, 1912 model, \$350.00; 1 two-passenger Ford, 1913 model, only been run since September, \$350.00. All of the above cars are in good condition and have just been overhauled at our garage and new parts put in. Call us up or write us. Summers Garage, Newberry, S. C. 26-2t

For Sale—350 acres good farm land, known as Geo. Martin place 2 miles of Chestnut Ridge church. See Home Trust Co., C. H. Roper Secretary. 26-1t

Farm for Rent—One 2 or 3 horse farm located about five miles from city for rent. Apply to Albert Dial, Laurens, S. C. 26-1t

For Sale—White Wyandott eggs, 15 for 75 cents. Mrs. H. H. Pinson, Laurens, S. C., Route 4. 26-1t

For Sale—Home raised horse, good qualities, seven years old. C. E. McKinney, Southern Cotton Oil Co. 26-1t

For Sale—White Orpington eggs, pure stock, \$1.00 for 15. Write or call on Mrs. J. B. Young, Route No. 6, Laurens, S. C. 26-1t

Salesman Wanted to look after our interest in Laurens and adjacent counties. Salary or commission. Address the Victor Oil Company, Cleveland, O. 26-1t

Cedar Poles Wanted—Laurens Telephone Company wants to buy a few cedar poles. Call on W. R. Richey at his office, Laurens, S. C. 26-1t

Small Farm for Sale—I will sell at public outcry in the town of Clinton on January 31, 1914, at 11 a. m., my farm containing 12-3-10 acres. 8-room house, barn and lot, good well of water and good orchard. T. J. Duckett, Clinton, S. C. 26-2t

For Sale—Mountain Eagle pit games L. C. Fuller. 26-3t

For Sale—About 600 bushels of corn in the ear, and about 40 tons of pea-vine, stover and oat hay for sale at market price. Jeff Davis, Laurens, Route 5. 25-5t

For Sale or to Rent—Three tracts of the Mrs. Kay land, in S. C. an township, near Tumbling Shoals, 50, 44 and 51 acres respectively. J. G. Sullivan, Laurens, S. C. 25-3t

For Sale—Good family horse cheap; also one mule cheap. S. G. McDaniel. 25-2t

This is the year to assess Real Estate—Auditor Thompson insists on every one making their tax returns of both real and personal property early and avoid the rush so please get busy. He is waiting to take your return or furnish you with blanks.

Ringlet Barred Plymouth Rocks—Splendid assortment of Cockerels and Pullets for sale at conservative prices. This stock is bred to a high state of purity. L. S. Fuller. 25-5t

For Sale or Trade—One 5-passenger automobile in first-class condition for sale or will trade for real estate. Address Box 147, Laurens, S. C. 24-5t

Cotton Seed For Sale—150 bushels of Improved Big Boll King Cotton Seed for sale. See me at once. Ernest Easterby, Laurens, S. C. 24-5t

For Sale—Two good second hand buggies. Will sell cheap, cash or on time. H. Douglas Gray. 24-1t

Saleswomen: Take notice—If you want to earn good money in a dignified and pleasant occupation write The McAllister Company, Peoples Gas Building, Chicago, Illinois. 24-5t

Queen of Maryland

Is a High Grade Soft Winter Wheat Flour, Guaranteed to Satisfy.

Bad bread spoils the meal. Why take chances?

Stickell's Self Rising Flour guaranteed pure and wholesome. Ask your Grocer for Queen of Maryland or Stickell's Self Rising Flour, and good bread will be yours.

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When you feel discouraged, confused, nervous, tired, worried or despondent it is a sure sign you need **MOTT'S NERVE PILLS.** They renew the normal vigor and make life worth living. Be sure and ask for **Mott's Nerve Pills** Price \$1.00 by druggists. **WILLIAMS MFG. CO.,** Prop., Cleveland, Ohio. **LAURENS DRUG CO.** Laurens, S. C.

STATE PRESS COMMENT.

State vs. Denominational Colleges.

The State Superintendent of Education has given out some advance figures from the report which he expects to file with the legislature next Tuesday. A friend has called our attention to the matter of colleges, which a careful study of the superintendent's figures reveals. The results of our studies are interesting, and the public should know something of this matter of higher education.

There are thirty institutions for higher education in the State for white people. Of these, seven are classed as State schools and three as private institutions—College for Women, Columbia; Converse college, and the Confederate college in Charleston. The other twenty are denominational colleges.

The total number of men students in all the colleges is 3,479; of women 3,691. The figures for denominational schools include 77 students for the ministry in the theological colleges, Columbia and Due West; while the figures for the State colleges include 163 medical students in the Charleston Medical college.

Including all, the State is educating 49 per cent. of the men in college; the denominations are educating 48 1-2 per cent. and private schools 2 1-2 per cent. Of the women in college the State is educating 21 per cent.; the denominations 59 1-2 per cent., and private schools 19 1-2 percent. Of the total number of college students in South Carolina, the figures are as follows:

The State is educating 35 per cent. The denominations are educating 54 per cent. Private colleges are educating 11 per cent.

These are interesting figures. They are official, and they show that the Christian denominations of South Carolina are educating more than half the total number of college students. Should the preacher and medical students be eliminated from the court the figures would show a greater percentage for the denominations and less for the State.

However, the most interesting part of the story is yet to come. As far as can be gathered from the published figures of the State Superintendent of Education, the cost of education in the colleges was \$1,287,123; of which the State colleges spent \$823,527; the denominational colleges, \$366,177; and private colleges, \$97,419. Which is to say, the State's portion of the cost was 64 per cent., the denominations' 28 per cent., and the private schools 8 per cent.

The percentage of students and the cost of maintaining the colleges may better be seen thus:

	State	Denominal	Private
Students	34	54	11
Cost	64	28	8

Why this discrepancy in cost? Certainly it cannot be said the State is

doing collegiate work superior to that done by the denominational colleges. Every intelligent person knows it does not.

Denominations are educating more than half the college students of South Carolina at about one-fourth the total cost; while the State is educating only one-third of college students and spending two-thirds of all the money spent for college education in the State.

We do not mean to make any sort of attack on State colleges; we are only printing figures from a State official's report.

If the legislature would appropriate more money for free common schools, it would serve the State well.—Abbeville Medium.

Torrens System in North Carolina.

South Carolina may learn a good many things from North Carolina these days. As we remarked some time ago, North Carolina is one of the progressive states of the Union making important advances in many directions. On January 1, the Torrens system of land registration went into effect in that state, and the first real estate transaction in Wake county was fortified by the state's guarantee to the title.

The Charlotte Observer, commenting upon the law, says the features of "the law are given in the News and Observer in connection with its report of the Cary transaction and are to the effect that when purchasing a tract of land the buyer can have special proceedings instituted, this being the form by which state guarantee can be secured, and it will then be the duty of the clerk of court, where the action is started to appoint a special agent, whose duty is to look upon the title. If there should be no contest to the title the clerk puts his O. K. mark and the property can be then registered direct from the state to the purchaser. In case this purchaser later sells the state registered property the deed is cancelled and a new one made from the state to the second purchaser. There will never be but one search for title, the first proceeding standing for all future transfers. It is understood that the costs of the special proceedings never be but one search for title, the state are nominal and under the new law such registration is optional. The law does not require every registration to be under the Torrens system."

It may be that North Carolina's example may aid Senator Carlisle's long advocacy of such a bill for South Carolina. The North Carolina law seems to leave much to be desired, yet it is a step in the right direction.—Spartanburg Herald.

An Ideal Woman's Laxative.

Who wants to take salts, or castor oil, when there is nothing better than Dr. King's New Life Pills for all bowel troubles. They act gently and naturally on the stomach and liver, stimulate and regulate your bowels and tone up the entire system. Price, 25c. At all Druggists. H. E. Bucklen & Co., Phila. or St. Louis

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In connection with our contracting, we are adding to the old shop opposite Martin's Stable in which we expect to do a wood-working business, repairing of every kind and all work usually done in a blacksmith shop, including horse-shoeing. Rubber tires put on wheels with latest style machine.

We will also make wagons to your order and do any kind of cabinet work.

We will put in a full line of new machinery and tools, the very latest on the market and we will be able to do the very best of work promptly, and on short notice.

We will also make a line of screen-doors and sash. Special attention to orders to screen the whole house.

Give us your work and we will give you satisfaction.

J. D. SEXTON & SON
LAURENS, S. C.

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Beginning Jan. 1st., all of the County School Books will be handled by us instead of Mr. Geo. Pitts. We also handle all school supplies such as pencils, pens, inks, tablets, etc.

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On the Square Laurens, S. C.